

REMARKS

Further consideration of the subject application in light of the remarks which follow and consistent with 37 C.F.R. 1.137 and subsequently 37 C.F.R. 1.111 are hereby respectfully requested. Claims 1-28 are pending, wherein, claims 1-13 are rejected and claims 14-28 are allowed. Applicant respectfully submits that the arguments below overcome the objections in the Office Action to claims 1-13.

AMENDMENTS

Applicants have currently amended claims 4, 6, 12, 18, 19, 21, and 27, without prejudice. These amendments were made in the interest of clarity and do not affect the scope of the claims. Support for the amendment to claim 4 can be found on page 2 line 31 through page 3 line 3. Support for the amendment to claim 6 can be found on page 6 line 17. Support for the amendment to claim 12 can be found on page 8 line 5. Support for the amendment to claim 18 can be found on page 2 lines 16-26. Support for the amendment to claim 19 can be found on page 3 line 14. Support for the amendment to claim 21 can be found on page 6 line 17. Support for the amendment to claim 27 can be found on page 8 line 5.

**REJECTION UNDER JUDICIALLY CREATED DOCTRINE OF
OBVIOUSNESS TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING**

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent 6,403,773. Applicants avoid this double patenting rejection, pursuant to MPEP 804.02 II, by filing a terminal disclaimer, which is effective only with respect to U.S. Patent 6,403,773. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

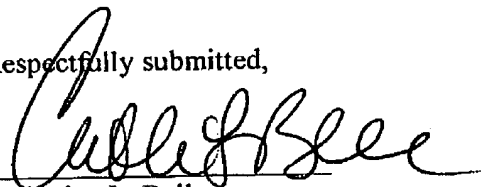
Claims 1-13 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-104 of U.S. Patent 6,677,441. Applicants avoid this double patenting rejection, pursuant to MPEP

804.02 II, by filing a terminal disclaimer, which is effective only with respect to U.S. Patent 6,677,441. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

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